

Village of La Grange Park  
Cool Village Sub-Committee  
**Minutes**  
August 19, 2009

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A meeting of the Cool Village Sub-Committee of the Village Board of the Village of La Grange Park was scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on August 19, 2009, in the Board Room of the La Grange Park Village Hall. Committee Chairwoman, Jane Klingberg, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. She asked Village Clerk Kerry Brunette to call the roll.

Members in attendance were:

Committee Chairwoman:	Jane Klingberg
Committee Member:	Scott Mesick
Committee Member:	Marshall Seeder

Also in attendance:

Village Manager:	Bohdan J. Proczko
Assistant Village Manager:	Julia Cedillo
Members of the Cool Village Coalition:	Patty Rocco
	David Grayson
	Donna Twickler
	Krista Grimm
	Paula Benson
	David Mrazek

Clerk Brunette informed the Chairwoman a quorum was present.

Chairwoman Klingberg began the meeting by telling the representatives from the Cool Village Coalition what the Committee was supposed to do for the Village Board regarding the Cool Village matter. She then asked all of the people at the meeting to introduce themselves and to talk about what they do besides work in the Village of La Grange Park or for the Cool Village Coalition.

After the completion of the introductions, there was talk about the Committee's job of possibly recommending moving forward with the Cool Village Coalition's proposal. There was also talk about how much it would cost the Village if the Village were to commit to the three-year proposal.

Chairwoman Klingberg asked the Cool Village representatives about what they would like to see happen during the following three years, if the Cool Village proposal was accepted. She also asked about what they wanted the Village to improve regarding the Village's environment. They talked about emission reductions and about educational programs, and the Cool Village representatives told the Committee about wanting to set goals. Ms. Donna Twickler, who had earlier stated she was employed by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, said the Environmental Protection Agency has tools and software that could be available to the Village.

She proceeded to explain them. That was followed by a discussion of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI).

Assistant Village Manager Cedillo asked what type and how many programs the Village would need to put in place. Ms. Twickler said garbage waste, electricity, water and carbon were some of the main ones. There was a discussion of how to begin on this process. Village Manager Proczko asked if this proposal would focus on the La Grange Park government or on La Grange Park as an entire municipality. This led to a discussion of this same matter and about a pre-test program to get the program started.

Chairwoman Klingberg said some missing information made a pre-test program difficult at best, but it could be Phase I of the Cool Village Plan. Assistant Village Manager Cedillo said the coalition said it thought it would take four months to accomplish Phase I and then they'd move on to a Board presentation in December. She said that would be very difficult. Village Manager Proczko said the Committee should make a report to the Board in thirty days and talk about the preliminary work of the Committee. It was speculated that the Village would need about twenty hours of staff time to get information from Nicor in order to compile the statistics the Cool Village group said it would need for the pre-test.

Chairwoman Klingberg asked on a scale of 1 to 10, what the Committee members thought about joining Cool Villages Plan. The Cool Village representatives told the Committee they could think of no reason why the Village shouldn't join the Cool Village Plan. The Committee and the Cool Village representatives discussed ideas for joining. Chairwoman Klingberg asked why the Village should join ICLEI, when some of the tools and software the EPA offered were free. She said ICLEI would cost the Village \$600 annually for the software and materials ICLEI would provide. There were comments from the Cool Village representatives about this matter. There seemed to be the impression from some of the Cool Village representatives that the Village was concerned about \$600 in annual fees.

Committee Member Mesick told those gathered that \$600 was not the issue, but staff time was. He asked what the benefits joining the Cool Village and/or ICLEI would be and what obligations would then be involved. Ms. Twickler told the Committee there would be no penalties or policing by anyone if the Village did not follow through on the Cool Village Plan. Village Manager Proczko asked rhetorically why the Village commit to a program if it did not intend to follow-up.

The Cool Village representatives said the Board might want some tangibles regarding what Cool Village could accomplish for the Village. Committee Member Mesick stated there was the group Cool Villages plan, there was ICLEI plan and there was the EPA plan, but he said he wanted to know how any of the plans would benefit the Village of La Grange Park. The Cool Villages group some of those items. Committee Member Mesick said if some of the proposed matters were accomplished, the Cool Village group could report to the Village Board Work Session on September 8 and possibly get a decision on whether to follow through with this on September 22, 2009.

The Cool Village representatives said grant money is available and they told the Committee how the Village could get some of it and about what the Village would have to do to get some of it.

The Committee members asked the Cool Village representatives what the Citizens Advisory Board, which they proposed to be formed, as an end result of the Cool Villages process, would have authority to do after it was created. The members of the Cool Village Coalition said the advisory authority would simply be that, an advisory group, and it would have no authority to order the Village to do anything.

There was a discussion of the structure of the Advisory Board. It was suggested that the ideas for the structure be sent to Assistant Village Manager Cedillo in writing. Village Manager Proczko said no staff people from the Village should be members of the Advisory Board. Village Manager Proczko then talked about date logistics for future meetings and then everybody discussed the date logistics. It was decided that September 16 and September 23 were the possible dates for the next discussion of what should be future activities regarding the Cool Villages proposal.

Committee Chairwoman Klingberg concluded the meeting by asking all gathered if they had anything else they wanted to say. No one asked to speak. Before the end of the meeting, Assistant Village Manager Cedillo passed out business cards to all of the Cool Village representatives, so they could be in touch with her.

There was a motion by Committee Member Seeder to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member Mesick seconded the motion and the motion to adjourn passed unanimously on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Kerry Brunette  
Village Clerk